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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else...I use Pay Pal. If any of you wish to pay for anything including HA or the Ultimate History, you may. Please add \$.75 to \$15 for HA to cover my costs on Pay Pal. HA would be \$15.75. The Ultimate History would be \$55 plus \$2 (\$57); Check with me for costs for other items. My email address for Pay Pal is <jayhick@aol.com>.

SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Also the 5th supplement to the Necrology is available for \$1.00

The 2001 “2nd Revised Ultimate History” with the first supplement is now available. The cost is \$51 plus \$4. Please send information for the second supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2003.

CONVENTION 2003: Dates are Oct 23 – 26, 2003 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date.

CONVENTION 2002: 2002 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: berney@fred.net

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The 11th annual script writing contest is now open. This year your half-hour script must be based on the CBS program "You Are There" (1948-50). It assumes that radio was present during great historical moments of the past and CBS reporters are there to witness it and interview participants. (Examples: Columbus sails to the New World, Julius Caesar assassinated, Betsy Ross sews first American flag, Gold discovered at Sutter's Mill, etc.) There's an intro from the studio, then we go to the scene. No commercials as it was a sustaining show.

This can be either drama or comedy, whatever your bent. But please, no spoofs with Jack Benny, Abbott and Costello. That didn't work last time. The script must be ready to produce - type double spaced, large enough for actors to read, all sound cues included (probably no music in this one). Try to keep cast to ten or less, although some actors can double in smaller parts. Obviously, some historical research will be necessary. For further guide re "You Are There" see John Dunning's "On the Air -The Encyclopedia of Old Time Radio".

First prize in the contest is \$200, and the script will be performed live at our 2004 convention. Second prize winner, which will not be performed, is \$100.

Scripts must be submitted by August 31, 2003 to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Road, North

Brunswick NJ 08902 (732 - 0940 - 7639). Three experienced judges will pick the winning scripts and detailed suggestions for improvements will be sent to non-winners. If you want a primer on preferred page format, send SASE to Mr. Zwengler.

This year's winner, "Maitland at Large" by Jim Cort, will be performed at our October convention.

Miriam Hipp and others are exploring the possibility of holding an OTR convention in the Atlanta or Birmingham area, maybe in the spring of 2004. Let her know of your interest as an attendee or a dealer. Contact her at Box 550241, Birmingham, AL 35255 or <radthea@hotmail.com>

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it... **Radio Recall**, Apr; articles about: It Pays to be Ignorant; Martin and Lewis on Radio; The Mutual Broadcasting system...Issue 3 of **Leonard Maltin's Movie Crazy** newsletter features an article on Barbara Stanwyck's checkered history performing "Dark Victory" on the radio, illustrated with some rare photos; in the same issue, movie director Blake Edwards talks about his beginnings in radio and the creation of "Richard Diamond" for Dick Powell. \$6 or \$25 per year (within the U.S.) from Leonard Maltin's Movie Crazy, PO Box 2747, Toluca Lake, CA 91610. Or check www.leonardmaltin.com...**RLL On The Air**, Mar; article about W C Fields on radio... **Illustrated Press**, Apr; article about broadcasting of Notre Dame Football...**May**; articles about Notre Dame Football on television; Gunsmoke...**Jack Benny Times**, May – August; article about their recent convention...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Apr; articles about Bob Elliott; Andre Kostelanetz...**Return With us Now**, Apr; Silliness of Sound Men...**May**; article about Sam Edwards...**Tradition**, Mar – Apr; article about Bill Carlisle...**RCA Newsletter**, Mar; article about Bob Elliott...Apr; article about John Dunning...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Apr; article about the movie, Two Weeks to Live...**Radiogram**, May; article about starting an OTR Club...**The Godfrey Gazette**, 1st edition; editor is John Barber, Box 72273, New Orleans, LA 70172; (504) 586-1931; email; <jbarber121@hotmail.com>

ORGANIZATIONS: For so many years, Friends of Old Time Radio have been sending fabulous "classics" from their collections, which have brought enormous pleasure to more than 5000 patients served monthly, Free of Charge by the SJK Listening Therapy Program. Thanks to a grant from the Toys R Us Children's Fund, we have now greatly expanded our Children's Listening Therapy Library and have established individual SJK Programs in the Pediatric Units of our participating hospitals. Our "young" recipients have surprisingly shown us a new need for OTR Shows, showing that even FOUR GENERATIONS LATER, these shows bring enormous joy! Our needs for more selections are endless and here's a "Wish List" for your caring members: Gang Busters, Hidden Truth, Johnny Dollar, Dick Tracy, Dragnet, Hopalong Cassidy, Lone Ranger, Superman, Gene Autry, Baby Snooks, Abbott and Costello, I Remember Mama. Music legends eg: Judy Garland, Jimmy Durante, Doris Day, Mario Lanza, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong, Etc. Any SPORTS programs are needed as well, with a special request for any "Seabiscuit" Coverage of horse races.

All donations are tax deductible, and we hope your members will check us out on www.listeningtherapy.org or e-mail us at SJKTherapy@aol.com

Warmest regards

Stephanie Joyce Kahn, 2-12 West Park Ave. Ste 210, Long Beach, NY 11561

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Inner Sanctum Mysteries: Behind the Creaking Door**; by Martin Grams, Jr.; OTR Publishing, Box 252, Churchville, MD 21028; \$29.95 plus \$5.00 P&H; 250 pages; another excellent book by this prolific author; The book offers a complete history of the program, including a complete episode guide plus a lot more...**Walter B. Gibson and The Shadow**; by Thomas J. Shimeld; McFarland & Co.,

\$45.00; 200 pages; photographs; 1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460; this book covers Gibson's life and career...

CONVENTIONS:

National Audio Theater Festival, June 14 – 20, 2003, Southwest Missouri State University, West Plains, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedia1@aol.com> or visit their web site <www.natf.org>. **They also have a script contest.**

REPS Radio Showcase XI, June 26 – 29, 2003 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <HRRMIKES@aol.com>

28th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 25 – 31, 2003 at Harison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

28th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 23 - 26 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr/> (all lower case)

SPERDVAC Convention, November 7 – 9 at the Hacienda Hotel at LAX. Bobb Lynes will be the convention chair.

18th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 16 – 17, 2004; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333. <haradio@hotmail.com>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screenound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...**The OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcdo/otrbuffalo/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/dougosmonek>>...new email is <dougosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com> (WEB) www.radiomemories.com...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**John Barber**, box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931

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OLD FRIENDS: **Joe Webb** has some equipment that he is willing to trade for CD's of well-done mp3 files of OTR programs. He has four Teac X-300 reel-to-reel decks in good shape (they have not been used much for the last 12 years). He also has two Teac V-300 stereo cassette decks, and a Numark DM-500 mixer. Joe is also willing to trade some of his master reels for mp3 CD's as well. Please send him e-mails with your suggested trades. You can contact Joe at drjoewebb@yahoo.com... **Anthony Tollin** had an excellent article in "Blood 'n' Thunder" magazine about the "lost" Shadow episodes he with the help of others found. If you want a copy please send me a SASE

IN FOND MEMORY: **Peggy Conklin**, Mar 18, 96; actress (Big Sister; Life of Riley)... **Richard Mohr**, Nov 23, 83; host for Metropolitan Opera Intermission segment.. **Norman Panama**, Jan 13, 88; screenwriter and director (Bob Hope radio show)... **Rusty Draper**, Mar 28, 80; country and pop singer; had own show on radio in 1957-58... **Peter Tewksbury**, Feb 20, 79; program director on a California radio station and directed several TV shows... **Ann Burr**, Feb 1, 82; Radio (Backstage Wife, Wendy Warren)... **Rosalyn Borden**, Jan 23, 70; child star on radio... **Pete Tinniswood**, recently, 66; wrote for BBC (Tales from the Long Room)... **June Carter Cash**, May 15; 73; on WSM with mother and sisters... **Robert Stack**, May 14, 84; on several anthology radio shows

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